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Reply to Office action of January 29, 2003

Remarks/Arguments

The office action indicates the examiner's rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Florin et al. (US Patent No. 5,594,509). Claim 1 has been amended to better describe the operation of the system for navigating within a display having one or more display sections.

It is submitted that Florin et al. does not disclose or suggest a **"means for navigating within said first section of said display"** as recited by amended claim 1 of the present invention. (emphasis added) Florin et al., teaches a system where only an icon or image can be highlighted at one time and subsequently the highlight can only be moved to an adjacent icon or image. (Figs. 33-36) For example, in Figure 36, the "VCR" icon is shown as selected. There are no means described or suggested to navigate within the VCR icon. In Figure 36, the menu bar cannot be considered a "section of the display" as recited by amended claim 1 of the present invention, as there is no "control means for displaying a navigational symbol on a border of selected section, said symbol corresponding to a direction in which a highlight can be moved" as recited by the amended claim 1.

It is submitted that Florin et al., does not disclose or suggest moving a "highlight to a second section of said display in said corresponding direction in response to the steps of highlighting said navigation symbol on said border of said first selected section and selecting said navigation symbol" as recited by amended claim 1 of the present invention. In column 22, lines 1-29, Florin teaches a system where "by depressing the right arrow button or the left arrow button on the remote control, other A/V source icons may be highlighted and previewed." Florin does not teach or suggest that the navigational icon must be first highlighted and then selected to confirm that the user desires that the highlight move to a second section of the display. This has the desirable aspect that if the user is navigating within a first section of the display and accidentally selects that navigational arrow, the highlight is not automatically moved to a second section without confirmation from the user. This prevents the user from accidentally moving to a second section of the display, and then having to return to the desired first section of the display.

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It is for these reasons that it is submitted that the amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Florin et al. Furthermore, since dependant claims 2-6 are dependant from the allowable claim 1, it is submitted that they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In regards to the examiners rejection of claim 7, it is submitted that Florin et al, does not disclose or suggest,

a controller for determining, in response to an entry of one of said directional keys, **whether there is a visible icon in said selected section** in the direction corresponding to said entered key; and

said controller, in response to said determination, **moves said highlight to said visible icon if said visible icon is present and moves said highlight to a navigational control, if said visible icon is not present.**

as recited by the present claim 7. (emphasis added) Florin et al. does not teach a system where there are visible icons, or anything else to highlight, within a selected section. As described above, Florin et al. merely teaches a system where only an entire section of the display can be highlighted at one time and subsequently the highlight can only be moved to an adjacent section of the display. (Figs. 33-36)

It is for these reasons that it is submitted that the claim 7 is not anticipated by Florin et al. Furthermore, since dependant claim 8 is dependant from the allowable claim 7, it is submitted that they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 7.

It is submitted that independent claims 9 and 13 and their dependant claim 10-12, and 14 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1-8 are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §103

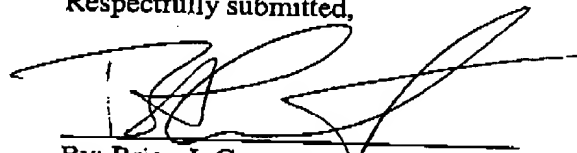
Claim 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. (US Patent No. 5,594,509) For the same reasons as stated above, since dependant claim 4 is dependant from the allowable claims 1, it is submitted that it is patentably

distinguishable over Florin et al. Therefore, claim 4 is believed to be allowable for at least the same reason that claim 1 is allowable as described above.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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Respectfully submitted,



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